

# The Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service

## The Cabinet for Health and Family Services



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COVERING VOLUNTEERISM AND SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH

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### INNOVATIVE AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Innovations in Civic Participation (ICP) recently announced the release of a new publication called *Transforming Communities through Service* which showcases 51 of the most innovative AmeriCorps programs from 38 states. Each profile includes the program's mission and goals, a brief description, key innovative elements, contact information and examples of the program's success.

Kentucky is one of the 38 states credited with an innovative AmeriCorps program. Senior Connections, based in Owensboro, focuses on the unmet needs of senior citizens. Innovative qualifications of Kentucky's Senior Connections program can be found on pages 53-54 of ICP's *Transforming Communities through Service* publication. For more information about ICP or to download the publication, please visit ICP's Web site at [www.icicp.org](http://www.icicp.org).

### SPOTLIGHT ON SENIOR CONNECTIONS

The AmeriCorps Senior Connections Program which operates in the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) has been named an innovative program by Innovations in Civic Participation and America's Service Commissions. The program was recognized for its effective approach to addressing community needs.



AmeriCorps member, Karen Laney (left), discusses Medicare benefits with a client at the Whitesville Senior Center. Since joining AmeriCorps in September 2005, Karen has advised more than 500 clients on Medicare benefits and discount cards.

Senior citizens are a vulnerable population. They face many challenges and hurdles at a time when they are increasingly unprepared for and often incapable of dealing with these changes. Many are alone without family close by to assist. Many do not have adequate resources and do not know how to navigate the maze of social services that may be available to them. Without assistance their resources erode and their quality of life diminishes. Many become dependent on assisted living facilities supported by public funds.

The Senior Connections AmeriCorps program works to improve

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### 2005 AMERICORPS LAUNCH

*AmeriCorps Launch Scheduled for September 28 - 30, 2005*



September 28, 193 AmeriCorps members from across the state will gather at Frankfort's Holiday Inn Capital Plaza for two days of learning, fun activities and inspiration leading to the launch of the new AmeriCorps service year.

The AmeriCorps Launch provides new and returning members a solid foundation of skills for their year of service and allows them to meet and share their spirit of service with each other. AmeriCorps members give a year of service in their communities in exchange for a small living allowance and an education award to help pay tuition or pay down education debt. Their service assignments range from tutoring students in local schools, building affordable housing, helping youth develop leadership skills to assisting senior citizens, helping people in homeless shelters, assisting welfare recipients in becoming self sufficient, and providing homeland security support.

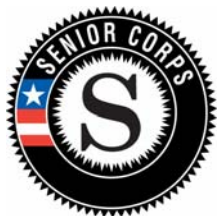
The three-day launch event will open with a voluntary Red Cross blood drive and opening plenary session featuring Dr. Connie Callahan from Eastern Kentucky University. Dr. Callahan will help members develop specialized skills to assist people in poverty. The opening will also feature a workshop called AmeriCorps 101 which helps members understand how they fit into the national service big picture. The first day's activities will wrap up with more training and education sessions focusing on Kentucky's various AmeriCorps programs and a bit of social fellowship.

Day two will feature concurrent workshops on topics including leadership skills, team building, methamphetamines in Kentucky, recognizing learning disabilities, homeless issues, the United States and Kentucky constitutions, grant writing, an overview of senior programs in the state and working with the baby boom generation. The final day of the launch concludes with the traditional swearing-in ceremony on the steps of the State Capitol Building. This ceremony is open to the public.

Submitted by Melissa Newton, KCCVS Training Officer

*"GETTING THINGS DONE IN KENTUCKY"*

# Corporation for NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE



AMERICA'S PROMISE  
THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH™



Throughout the newsletter are small bits for your enjoyment.  
Keep an eye out for them.



The happy dancing man is always accompanied  
by a "funny." Lighten your mood a little with a  
short joke.



This thinking man is followed by wise witty words  
from many sources. Allow him to engage your mind.



This is accompanied by a brain teaser. Go  
ahead, see if you can catch the solution.



This icon indicates that interesting statistics  
follow. It also begs the question: are all things  
number? From the philosophy of Pythagoras  
who said, "all things are number."

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### KCCVS MISSION

To promote all Kentuckians working together to meet  
actual community needs in a way that fosters personal,  
family and community pride and an enduring ethic of  
service.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- A snail can sleep for three years.
- The average human body contains enough fat to make seven bars of soap.
- The word 'set' has more definitions than any other word in the English language.
- It takes about 63,000 trees to make the newsprint for the average Sunday edition of The New York Times.
- Americans are responsible for generating roughly 20% percent of the garbage in the world.
- Stannous fluoride, which is the cavity fighter found in toothpaste is made from recycled tin.
- Most dreams last only 5 to 20 minutes.
- Avocados have more protein than any other fruit.

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## HEART-WARMING LETTER

Dear KCCVS,

I was just sitting here thinking about how grateful I am for the two educational awards I received for my two years of services as an AmeriCorps member. Those educational awards paid for almost half of my student loan debt. Along with the few other small scholarships that I received, I was able to receive a college education for the price of a good used car.

This has had a positive ripple effect in my life, because now I am helping to put my husband through college. The educational awards lifted a financial burden from us so that we can afford to repay my past expenses while paying for his current ones. Not only was AmeriCorps an investment in my future--it is helping to shape his also.

Thank you,

*Karen Marsee*

AmeriCorps Program Director, FRYSC Corps

## CNCS STATE PROFILES

The 2004-2005 State Profiles are now available to view or download on the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Web site, [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org).

According to the Corporation, "These reports are a powerful testament to the incredible scope and reach of national service – the more than 1.5 million Americans who meet community needs, mobilize volunteers and strengthen our democracy by serving in Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America each year.

The Corporation states that "[a] glance at these profiles shows how national service is touching not only our large urban centers, but also the smallest corners of rural society, bringing valuable help and compassion to those most in need."

The Corporation emphasizes that the "State Profiles are a snapshot in time – showing projects, participants and funding for the 2004-2005 program year. In the vast national service network, something is always changing – a new AmeriCorps\*VISTA begins service, a Senior Corps grant is awarded, a Learn and Serve sub-grantee comes on board. Given this ever-changing landscape, some data will become out of date and that's why these should be thought of as a snapshot."

Check out Kentucky's profile today!

## CNCS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Corporation for National and Community Service has hired a state program specialist for Kentucky.

Dale Tucker joined the state office in the middle of June. Tucker has a terrific background and will be a wonderful asset to the CNCS office and to our AmeriCorps programs in Kentucky.



"To me AmeriCorps is the chance to be the person who makes a difference. In ten years I want to be the person a child looks back and thinks, 'she made my life better.'"

- Jennifer Brown, AmeriCorps SSCC member

## SPOTLIGHT ON DOUGLAS ADAMS

A veteran commissioner, Douglas Adams has served Kentucky his whole life. He has shared his mind and heart with the commission since 2001; but, his passion is for education. After 30 years in the field of education, Adams currently is the superintendent for Clay County Public Schools, a position he has held for six years. Previously he served as an elementary and middle school teacher, high school assistant principal/athletic director, high school principal and an assistant superintendent, all in Clay County.



Adams has a bachelor's degree from Cumberland College, a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and he obtained his rank one professional education certification from the University of Kentucky. He attributes his passion for education to his parents who gave him "a good work ethic and a love of learning," Adams said. Adams also grew up with respect and admiration for his teachers, too, which has helped shape his personal and career ambitions.

Professionally he has reached his goal of becoming superintendent. However, his 30-year experience in the education field is surpassed only by his 31-one-year marriage to the former Laura Hubbard. They have two daughters. He and his wife are active in their church and both like to spend their leisure time outside farming and tending to their nursery and greenhouse. Adams also enjoys telling stories about Appalachia. "[Appalachia] is a world unto itself with people who are as unique as anywhere on earth," he said.

A community-minded commissioner, Adams' life philosophy is to make a difference. He has served Clay County with distinction and desires to continue to contribute to make his community an even better place to live, work and raise a family for the next generation. That attitude and optimism extends to his service to the commission. As a KCCVS commissioner, Adams has sat on numerous committees and has served as a mentor to the AmeriCorps Appalachian Self-Sufficiency Program.

It's the good fortune of KCCVS and the Kentuckians we serve to have Doug and his many gifts on the commission.



Teacher: *What is the chemical formula for water?*

Little Johnny: *HUJJKLMNO!*

Teacher: *What are you talking about?*

Little Johnny: *Yesterday you said it's H to O!*

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the quality of life for at-risk low-income seniors who need assistance to remain independent in the seven-county GRADD area,

The AmeriCorps Senior Connections program participates in several partnerships with other agencies including:

- Area Agency on Aging which coordinates volunteer efforts to prepare meals, make friendly visits, do chores, run errands, and provide respite for caregivers;
- The Progeny Fund which helps provide prescription assistance;
- A national grant from the Access to Benefits Coalition which funds counseling service for seniors on issues like Medicare benefits and prescription discount cards;
- Kentucky Housing Corporation which awarded a grant to help fund AmeriCorps services including maintenance, repairs and handicap accessibility projects. The grant also pays for supplies, materials and travel for these projects;
- The local Red Cross chapter which utilizes an AmeriCorps member to recruit and train volunteers to assist in disasters and to help area fire victims;
- Pleasant Pointe Apartments, a senior living facility where AmeriCorps members help residents with chores, provide building security and coordinate activities for residents;
- The Green River District Health Department, with a grant from the Community Access Program, provides an AmeriCorps member who locates free medical services for uninsured seniors;
- The Senior Ombudsman's office for the City of Hartford where a member serves to help steer senior clients to city services; and The Catholic Diocese of Owensboro, a service site where seniors can get Medicare benefits counseling and other forms of help.

Many Senior Connections AmeriCorps members receive cross-training in the State Health Insurance Program to help low-income seniors locate free or reduced medicines and obtain other services. One member served 141 clients in a four-month period. Cumulative savings from this services totaled more than \$82,000. Without the service, some clients had to choose between buying groceries and getting their prescriptions filled. Conserving resources by using discount cards or maximizing Medicare benefits gives seniors more flexibility in budgeting their fixed incomes.

Home maintenance and repair assistance helps enhance seniors' property values and improve the appearance of entire neighborhoods. Handicap accessibility projects make it possible for these seniors to maintain their independence.

The Senior Connections program works regularly with the AmeriCorps Homeland Security Corps program to recruit volunteers to train in Community Emergency Response Teams and volunteers at a variety of community events. Senior Connections also collaborates on community projects with VISTA members and with the Audubon Area Community Services organization. Senior Connections members also receive training from the American Red Cross and volunteer when the Red Cross responds to local disasters.

AmeriCorps members in this program benefit in a number of ways.

Some members re-entering the work force use AmeriCorps as a stepping-stone to full employment. Some are driven by the educa-



AmeriCorps member Fran Fuchs visits with a senior client. Members at senior citizen centers prepare meals, make friendly visits, do chores, run errands and provide respite for caregivers.

tion award to pay off student loans or return to school. Some simply want to serve their fellow man. Several physically and mentally challenged members have provided outstanding service to seniors when their abilities, not their disabilities, were emphasized. Some members, after two years of AmeriCorps service, continue to visit with friends who once were clients.

As the baby boomers approach retirement age, the senior population will grow dramatically in the next few years. Some communities are already preparing to meet the needs of an aging population by modeling their own senior service programs after Senior Connections. By working with Area Agencies on Aging and seeking other creative partnerships, communities across Kentucky can improve the quality of life can be improved for seniors and open the door of opportunity to AmeriCorps members.

Submitted by David Clark, Senior Connections Program Director

## PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION

*Editor's note: During the past three years, President George W. Bush has met with local volunteers around the country, commending them for their dedicated volunteer service. The following news release was issued June 1 by USA Freedom Corps in recognition of a Kentucky volunteer who has answered the call to serve. Although the announcement is dated, we wanted to share the news with Heart Line readers and offer our own congratulations to the honoree.*

President George W. Bush will present the President's Volunteer Service Award to Dr. John Cotthoff when he arrives in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, on Thursday, June 2, 2005. Cotthoff is a volunteer at the St. Luke Free Clinic in Hopkinsville. To thank them for making a difference in the lives of others, President Bush has met with more than 400 individuals around the country, like Cotthoff, since March 2002.

Cotthoff has been a volunteer physician at the St. Luke Free Clinic for the past 14 years. He helped establish the clinic in 1991 to provide medical diagnosis and treatment for thousands of working but uninsured patients. Each month Cotthoff treats patients and audits medical records on clinic nights. In addition, Cotthoff has served on the St. Luke Free Clinic's Board of Directors and is active at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville.

In his January 2002 State of the Union Address, President Bush called on every American to dedicate two years or 4,000 hours

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## AMERICORPS PROGRAM FUNDING

AmeriCorps in Kentucky is growing. As the result of the last Request for Proposals, KCCVS was awarded competitive funding for our programs, FRYSC Corps and GRADD Homeland Security Corps. Competitive funding is distributed on a competitive basis in which grant applications from across the country are judged against one another. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) did not have much money to distribute and was only able to fund 19 competitive programs for all of the United States, Guam, American Samoa and Puerto Rico. Kentucky got two of those 19 programs (out of the four competitive-funding applications submitted). To be awarded two competitive programs is a huge accomplishment for Kentucky. Additionally, our two continuation competitive programs, Kentucky PROMISE-Corps and Senior Connections, were approved for continued competitive funding.

In addition to our competitively funded programs, the commission also supports formula-funded programs, in which we are awarded members based on population. This year, the KCCVS was cut four member slots in our formula funding (from 102 to 98), however since the FRYSC Corps program went competitive, its 20 formula slots became available. Four of those 20 slots will be used to make up for the four slots cut to keep all other formula programs at their current member levels. That left the KCCVS 16 open slots, with which the Commission's Program Committee decided to use to start a new formula program with Kentucky Child Now! called the Kentucky Youth Development Corps. The other formula-funded programs for next year are: the AmeriCorps Appalachian Self-Sufficiency Program, Getting Things Done for Kentucky's Homeless, KY-READS and Student Service Consortium Center.

Between the two types of programs, Competitive and Formula, the Commonwealth will benefit from the service of 193 AmeriCorps members who will be tutoring children, working with the homeless, helping the elderly remain independent, assisting TANF-eligible (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients develop employment skills, recruiting volunteers to respond in times of disaster and mobilizing resources to address youth priorities.

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## GRANT TRAINING & STATE SERVICE PLAN

*Training and information sessions scheduled in coming months*

During October and November KCCVS will host eight State Service Plan informational forums and grant writing training sessions. These dual-purpose events will be held in various locations around the state to accommodate as many Kentuckians who want to attend as possible.

### State Service Plan Information Forums

As part of the development process for the State Service Plan, formerly called the Unified State Plan, KCCVS will host information forums to gather and share information on service needs and opportunities statewide. We invite anyone involved with or interested in volunteer and community service in Kentucky to attend

the forum nearest them to help assess how KCCVS complements and supports other Kentucky service-oriented organizations.

### Grant-writing and Guidelines Training

Guidelines and grant-writing training for submitting proposals for AmeriCorps state grants will be held during October and November. For more information or to sign up to attend any of these sessions, please call Melissa Newton at 800-239-7404.

Tentatively, grant-writing training will be conducted in the morning and state service plan forums will be held in the afternoon. The exact duration and agenda for training sessions depends on the number of participants. A minimum of eight participants is needed to hold the training. State plan information forums will be conducted on the dates listed below. As other dates and locations are finalized this information will be posted on our Web site, <http://volunteerKY.ky.gov/>.

### Northern Kentucky area

Date and time to be announced

### Somerset area

Date and time to be announced

### Louisville area

Wednesday, November 9, Location and time to be announced

### Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park

113 Administration Drive, Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Monday, October 24 from 1-4 p.m.

### The ALIVE Volunteer Center

1818 US 31 West, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Wednesday, October 19 from 9-4 p.m.

### Big Sandy Area Development District

100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Monday, October 17 from 9-4 p.m.

### Green River Area Development District

3860 US Hwy 60 West, Owensboro, KY 42301

Tuesday, October 25 from 9-4 p.m.

### Kentucky Educational Development Corporation

904 Rose Road, Ashland, KY 41102

Wednesday, November 2 from 9-4 p.m.

## AMERICORPS BOOK PUBLISHED

*The AmeriCorps Experiment and the Future of National Service*, published by the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), includes a variety of perspectives on AmeriCorps' performance over its first decade. According to PPI, "This new book, edited by PPI President Will Marshall and Partnership for Public Service's Marc Porter Magee, evaluates AmeriCorps' performance over its first twelve years, explores possible futures for national service, and offers concrete ideas for expanding opportunity for Americans, young and old, to serve."

To learn more about PPI or to view/download a PDF version of the book, please visit ICP's Web site at [www.ppionline.org](http://www.ppionline.org).



All the vowels have been removed from the opening words of a famous American document. So have the breaks between words. All that are left are the following consonants. What are the words?

FRSCRNDSVNYRSG

See page 7 for the answer!

## AMERICORPS\*VISTA STORY OF SERVICE

When I decided to join AmeriCorps\*VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America), I thought helping refugee youth adjust to life and school in Louisville sounded like an interesting job, but hardly extraordinary.

However, in the year I have served as Youth Services Coordinator with Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), I have learned that everything about my job is extraordinary-- the needs, the resettlement process, the refugee experience and the amazingly resilient people who have survived it.

Of the nearly 35 million refugees and displaced persons in the world, fewer than one percent resettle in a Third World country. In the last five years more than 4,500 refugees have made Louisville their home. This year alone KRM will resettle approximately 266 refugees.



A typical day as Youth Services Coordinator involves fielding questions from school personnel, coordinating a tutoring program, planning cultural orientation programs for refugee youth and raising

awareness of refugee issues among American students. Despite sometimes shaky beginnings, the youth I work with have accomplished more in a year than many people do in a lifetime. When these kids stepped off the plane, few could speak English or even read or write in their own language. Many had never been to school before, never held a pencil, seen a computer or used many of the modern conveniences we take for granted.

When a large yellow school bus arrived to whisk kids off to school, many refugee parents were just as apprehensive as the students. Through trial and error we learned how to facilitate communication between students, parents, classmates and teachers. Providing new students with cards that read, "I have to go to the bathroom" was a huge first-day-of-school success. Doing the chicken dance for parents and students to illustrate that school cafeteria items did not contain pork, a religious taboo, helped ease concerns and many students soon felt comfortable eating school lunches.

Learning to walk single file and sit still on the bus and in the classroom are huge accomplishments for many of these children. Within a year most of these children have learned to speak English, use computers and are learning to read and write. They have

starred in choir concerts and sports, volunteered to help other children and worked summer jobs. After only three months of school, one third-grade girl brought home a student of the month certificate.

Refugees are forced to leave their countries for many reasons: persecution on the basis of race, religion, cultural ethnicity or association with a particular social group or political faction. The refugee process



often includes physical hardship, trauma, health risks and being witness to acts of inhumanity most of us can't even imagine. Add to all this the normal challenges of youth - academics, peer pressure, making friends and the desire for acceptance - and resettlement can be an incredibly difficult task.

I have been so impressed with the strength of the refugees and the generosity of organizations such as KRM and the people of Louisville as they welcome their new neighbors. This past year has been an extraordinary journey for me and I leave my position at KRM with profound gratitude for the opportunity to serve and learn from these delightful and promising refugee children.

Submitted by Sara Payne, AmeriCorps\*VISTA Youth Services Coordinator

## ANNUAL AGING NETWORK CONFERENCE

The state Division of Aging Services in conjunction with the regional Area Agencies on Aging will host "Healthy Aging - Living the Dream," the first annual aging network conference, Sept. 7 - 9 at Lexington's Marriott Griffin Gate Resort.

Training and information workshops will be offered for SHIP (Kentucky State Health Insurance Assistance Program) workers, senior center directors, nutrition and other aging service providers, case managers, social workers, aging council members, area agency staff, adult day care staff and elder abuse program staff. Cost of the three-day conference is \$99, or \$55 for one day.

If you are interested in attending this conference or would like more information, please contact Willa Thomas in the Division of Aging Services by e-mail at [willa.thomas@ky.gov](mailto:willa.thomas@ky.gov) or by phone at 502-564-6930 or 888-642-1137 (TTY).

Aging services is a division of the Department for Human Support Services in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The Division of Aging Services is Kentucky's federally designated State Unit on Aging and is empowered to provide services to help older Kentuckians and their families through a statewide network of local private and public agencies. For more information, please visit the division on the Web at [www.chfs.ky.gov/dhss/das](http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dhss/das).

Submitted by Willa Thomas, Division of Aging Services



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The KCCVS will be putting on Request for Proposal informational training sessions across the state again this year, which will help us put together grant applications for new programs to be funded for the 2006-2009 grant cycle. We will ask all the current programs to try for competitive funding next grant cycle because only when we have open formula slots can we start a new program.

Read about the 2005-2006 programs below and turn to page 5 to find out about the Grant/Request for Proposal informational training sessions.

### **AmeriCorps Appalachian Self-Sufficiency Program**

Sponsor: Big Sandy Area Development District

Number of Members: 15 (same as last year)

Mission: Members provide pre-employment training to TANF and/or TANF eligible individuals and will assist those elderly who are facing barriers that hinder self-sufficiency.

### **Student Service Consortium Center**

Sponsor: Eastern Kentucky University

Number of Members: 21 (same as last year)

Mission: Members implement K-12 literacy tutoring programs for 800 students with at least 85 percent improving vocabulary, comprehension and reading skills.

### **Kentucky PROMISECorps**

Sponsor: Morehead State University

Number of Members: 40 (same as last year)

Mission: Members provide reading tutoring to 400 at-risk students with 85 percent of the students increasing their reading level performance by at least two reading levels. Members will also develop and maintain four Sites of Promise.

### **KY-READS**

Sponsor: Barren County School District

Number of Members: 25 (same as last year)

Mission: In structured reading coaching sessions, members and community volunteers will raise the reading comprehension levels of k-5 students a minimum of two reading levels. Members will also provide support to the parents/guardians of the children in an effort to create a literacy-rich environment.

### **Getting Things Done for Kentucky's Homeless**

Sponsor: Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky

Number of Members: 21 (same as last year)

Mission: Members counsel low-income families/individuals in permanent and transitional housing with 85 percent achieving their housing goals. Members also serve as construction assistants at nonprofit agencies rehabilitating and building housing in low-income communities.

### **Senior Connections**

Sponsor: Green River Area Development District

Number of Members: 20 (same as last year)

Mission: Members seek to improve the quality of life for the at-risk, low-income elderly by providing in-home assistance in the areas of chores, home repairs, home management, caregiver relief and home safety education. Members initiate, implement and partici-

pate in senior-centered activities; are trained in disaster relief; and assist in local community projects.

### **GRADD Homeland Security Corps**

Sponsor: Green River Area Development District

Number of Members: 10 (same as last year)

Mission: Members are placed in rapid response agencies to educate individuals in public safety, public health, and disaster preparedness issues; train agency-affiliated volunteers; and assist in developing closer collaboration among local response agencies.

### **FRYSC Corps**

Sponsor: Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services

Number of Members: 25 (up 5 from last year)

Mission: Members, serving under the direct supervision of Family Resource and Youth Service Center coordinators, will provide reading tutoring for academically at-risk students utilizing the "Great Leaps" reading curriculum resulting in increased reading levels, corresponding improvement in academic subjects and an improved retention rate for tutored students.

### **Kentucky Youth Development Corps**

Sponsor: Kentucky Child Now!

Number of Members: 16 (brand new program)

Mission: Members, utilizing Kentucky Child Now's "Promise Survey," will identify and mobilize resources to address local priorities for youth; be trained in youth best practices and developmental outcomes to enhance quality and efficiency of the organizations they serve with the programs/services offered; assist in recruitment, education and management of youth and adult volunteers; and support local youth initiatives.



Brain Teaser Solution "Four score and seven years ago..."  
From page 6, <http://school.discovery.com/brainboosters/>

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over the course of their lives to volunteer service. To help more Americans engage in volunteer service, he created USA Freedom Corps, an Office of the White House charged with strengthening and expanding volunteer service. Americans are responding to the President's Call to Service. Studies show that approximately 5 million more Americans are volunteering today than just three years ago. Go to [www.usafreedomcorps.gov](http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov) or call 1-877-USA-CORPS to find an existing volunteer service opportunity in your area or to find more information about service programs, including national service programs such as the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Citizen Corps. USA Freedom Corps is also highlighting youth volunteer service. Visit [www.usafreedomcorpskids.gov](http://www.usafreedomcorpskids.gov) for games and ideas designed to show how America's youth are making a difference.

The President's Volunteer Service Award was created at the President's direction by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The Award is available to youth ages 14 and under who have completed 50 or more hours of volunteer service; to individuals 15 and older who have completed 100 or more hours; and to families or groups who have completed 200 or more hours. For more information about the Award, please visit [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov).



## WHAT'S ON OUR CALENDAR?

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

2005

- August 4-6 – National Conference on Volunteering and Service  
[www.volunteeringandservice.org](http://www.volunteeringandservice.org)
- August 7 – Friendship Day
- September 11 – One Days Pay [www.onedayspay.org](http://www.onedayspay.org)
- September 11 – Neighborhood Day [www.neighborhoodday.org](http://www.neighborhoodday.org)
- September 17 – Citizenship Day
- September 22 – Fall Equinox/First day of Fall
- September 28-30 – AmeriCorps Launch
- October – Domestic Violence Awareness month
- October 4 – First day of Ramadan
- October 10 – Columbus Day
- October 12 – Beginning of Yom Kippur
- October 16-22 – Kids Care Week [www.kidscare.org](http://www.kidscare.org)
- October 22 – Make A Difference Day [www.usaweekend.com/diffday/](http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/)
- October 30 – End of Daylight Savings Time
- October 31 – Halloween

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